

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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Fox Valley Area Unadjusted Unemployment Rate Unchanged in August

The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate in the Fox Valley Workforce Delivery Area remained unchanged at 4.9 percent from July to August.

Waupaca County was the only county in the region that had an increase in its unemployment rate. The rate in Waupaca County rose 0.3 of a percentage point to 5.1 percent. Waushara County had the highest rate in the region at 5.9 percent. This was unchanged from July. Overall, the changes in the rates for the counties were very minor ranging from a decrease of 0.2 of a percentage point to an increase of 0.3 of a percentage point.

Unemployment rates continued above the one year ago levels in the region as a whole and in all of the counties except Fond du Lac, where the rate was 0.2 of a percentage point lower than last August. The current rate for Fond du Lac is 5.1 percent.

Typically the change in the rate between August and July shows little change with a slight decline. This was generally the case this year. Frequently the labor force declines as students begin to get ready to return to school during mid August leaving employment and the labor force. The number in the labor force in the region declined 1,300 to 355,200, while

the number employed dropped 1,100 to 337,600. If the region continues to follow seasonal patterns, the unemployment rate should show little change during the next several months, and then begin to edge up beginning in October or November.

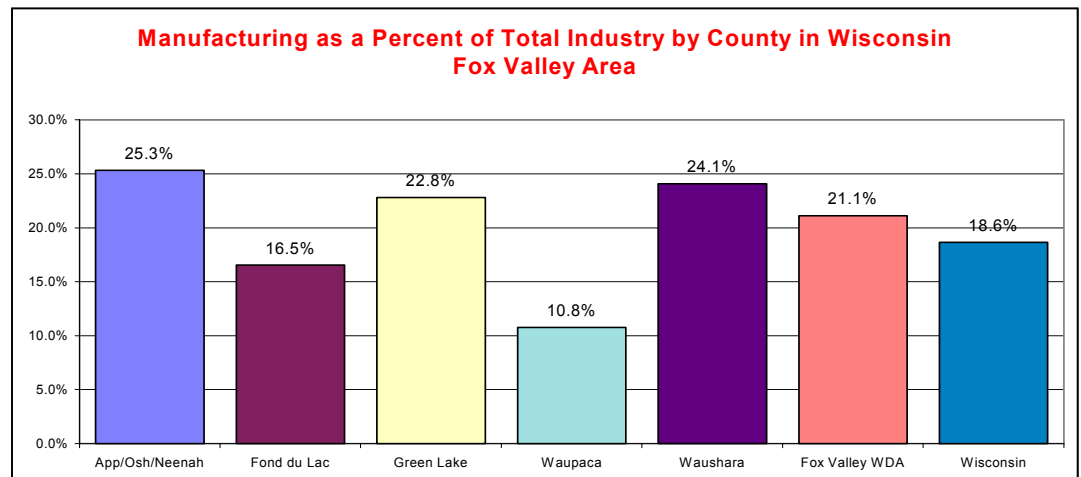
During the last year, the labor force has grown faster than the workers have found jobs, but the number employed has increased during the last 12 months. The number employed rose 4,100, but this has

not kept pace with the number of workers entering the labor force, which increased 4,500 over the last 12 months.

This region continues to have manufacturing as an important segment of its economy. Over 21 percent of the jobs are in the manufacturing sector, compared to 18.6 percent in the state and only 11.3 percent for the nation.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)			
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States (000s)
August-2003			
Civilian Labor Force	240,100	3,100,800	146,530
Employment	227,000	2,918,800	137,625
Unemployment	13,100	182,000	8,905
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.9%	6.1%
July-2003 Change			
Civilian Labor Force	400	1,200	(10)
Employment	(400)	(6,200)	147
Unemployment	800	7,400	(157)
Unemployment rate	0.3%	0.3%	-0.1%
August-2002 Change			
Civilian Labor Force	6,900	77,200	1,407
Employment	5,800	62,300	868
Unemployment	1,100	14,900	539
Unemployment rate	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%

Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.



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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA rose 0.3 of a percentage point to 5.5 percent in August. This was up 0.3 of a percentage point from last year.

Green Bay, 5.3 percent; Sheboygan, 5.1 percent; Milwaukee, 6.3 percent. The nation's unemployment rate was 6.1 percent, and the rate for Wisconsin was 5.9 percent.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

Rates for some of the other MSA's around the state were:

August 2003	App/Osh/Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Wausara	Fox Valley WDA	Fox Valley Non MSA's	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	242,500	60,200	11,000	28,800	12,700	355,200	112,700	3,129,400
Employed	230,800	57,100	10,400	27,300	12,000	337,600	106,800	2,959,600
Unemployed	11,700	3,100	600	1,500	700	17,600	5,900	169,700
Unemployment rate(%)	4.8%	5.1%	5.4%	5.1%	5.7%	4.9%	5.2%	5.4%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	5.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.9%
Total Nonfarm	209,000	49,700	8,100	22,300	6,300	295,400	86,400	2,795,100
Total Private	186,700	44,000	7,000	18,500	5,000	261,100	74,400	2,420,000
Goods Producing	66,800	14,200	1,900	6,100	1,100	90,000	23,200	652,800
Service Producing	142,200	35,500	6,100	16,200	5,300	205,300	63,100	2,142,300
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	13,900	3,000	600	1,000	400	18,900	5,000	131,800
Manufacturing	52,900	11,100	1,300	5,100	700	71,100	18,200	521,000
Trade	30,600	7,200	1,000	3,100	1,000	42,900	12,300	442,200
Transportation & Utilities	6,700	1,400	270	500	400	9,200	2,500	323,100
Financial Activities	11,200	1,900	390	800	200	14,500	3,300	159,300
Education and Health Services	21,200	6,300	1,100	2,800	800	32,300	11,100	363,300
Leisure & Hospitality	16,700	5,200	1,300	3,000	900	27,100	10,400	260,500
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	33,500	7,700	900	2,300	600	45,000	11,500	962,000
Total Government	22,300	5,700	1,100	3,800	1,400	34,300	12,000	375,100
Federal	1,000	600	60	100	100	1,900	900	28,700
State	4,600	4,240	10	900	400	6,500	1,900	91,100
Local	16,700	4,800	1,000	2,800	900	26,300	9,600	255,300
Change from one month ago July 2003								
Civilian Labor Force*	-3,200	-800	-100	-200	-200	-4,500	-1,300	-38,600
Employed	-3,000	-600	-100	-300	-100	-4,200	-1,100	-32,700
Unemployed	-200	-100	0	100	-100	-300	-100	-6,000
Unemployment rate(%)	0.0%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.3%
Total Nonfarm	0	-100	-150	-400	100	-600	-600	-5,400
Total Private	0	200	-10	0	100	200	200	400
Goods Producing	0	200	0	0	0	200	200	2,100
Service Producing	0	-300	-150	-400	100	-800	-800	-7,500
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-100	100	0	0	0	0	100	0
Manufacturing	100	100	0	0	0	200	100	2,100
Trade	200	-100	-10	20	0	200	0	1,900
Transportation & Utilities	0	-100	10	-30	0	-100	-100	1,500
Financial Activities	0	0	0	-10	0	0	0	-100
Education and Health Services	0	0	-10	-40	0	0	0	-200
Leisure & Hospitality	0	100	0	40	0	100	100	-1,100
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	-200	0	10	-10	0	-200	0	-1,300
Total Government	0	-300	-150	-420	0	-800	-800	-5,800
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100
State	200	0	0	-30	0	100	-100	900
Local	-200	-300	-150	-380	100	-900	-700	-6,600
Change from one year ago August 2002								
Civilian Labor Force*	6,800	2,100	500	1,200	700	11,200	4,500	74,000
Employed	5,800	2,100	400	1,000	600	10,000	4,100	59,100
Unemployed	900	0	100	200	0	1,200	300	14,800
Unemployment rate(%)	0.3%	-0.2%	0.6%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.4%
Total Nonfarm	2,100	1,000	200	400	200	4,000	1,800	1,200
Total Private	1,400	800	100	300	300	3,000	1,600	5,800
Goods Producing	600	-400	-100	-100	0	0	-500	-23,400
Service Producing	1,600	1,400	300	500	200	3,900	2,400	24,600
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	200	0	0	0	0	300	0	-8,100
Manufacturing	300	-400	-100	0	0	-200	-500	-15,200
Trade	0	0	0	-100	0	-100	-100	9,300
Transportation & Utilities	-100	-200	0	0	100	-200	-100	5,700
Financial Activities	100	100	0	100	0	400	200	5,200
Education and Health Services	0	-100	0	200	100	100	100	6,400
Leisure & Hospitality	100	700	300	400	100	1,600	1,500	-100
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	800	700	-100	-200	0	1,200	400	21,000
Total Government	700	200	100	100	0	1,000	300	-4,500
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-100	-800
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3,200
Local	700	200	100	100	0	1,100	300	-600

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. N/A = Data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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